

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File # 805

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Rakes Farmhouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

$\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Route 222 on Mt. Zear Road (north of the road)

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

1

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☒ ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ernest Rakes

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Conowingo Mt. Zear Road

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: REC 89

Folio #: 435

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

three The Rakes Farmhouse c. 1800 is a combination of what appears to be different building stages. The main gable of the present structure is on an east/west axis and the main facade has a southern exposure.

The main block is a 2½ story 5 bay center hall frame section of probable mid 19th centnry date. The exterior has been stripped of any significant detail and entry to this section was not permitted. This section, however, appears to have been the last section constructed. A rear 2 story 2 bay by 1 room frame section is attached to the north side. The section rests on a full uncoursed stone basement ~~and~~ is covered with aluminum. The west wall is not flush with the main block ~~and~~ ^{as} a typical ^{of} L additions. The outside wall is usually a continuation of the gable end wall of the main block. The reason for this different arrangement remains with the presence of a 2 story fieldstone section that butts the west gable end of the main block. This 3rd section undoubtedly predates the main block and stood on a perpendicular axis to the 2nd section. The main block was presumably built with the stone section attached to its gable end and then meeting the rear section on an uneven basis. The sequence of construction, therefore, must have started with the 2 story uncoursed stone section and then the rear 2 story frame part built although unattached. The 2½ story frame appears to have been the joining factor for the two separate buildings.

The earliest section (21' 2" x 21' 3") is 2 bays across by 1 room deep. It rests on a partial uncoursed stone foundation and has a medium sloped composition tile roof. An interior end stone chimney pile rises out of the west end and changes to stretcher bond brick above the roofline. The early mortise and tenon window frames remain with a 6/6 sash and plain trim. A boxed cornice stretches across at eave level. An entrance is located in the eastern bay with replaced door.

The west gable end has an entrance in the northern bay with a vertical board door. There is a 4 pane window that illuminates the attic. Outlines from previous single story gabled addition appear on the west end, ~~and~~ a shed roof section on the north side.

The interior of this section consists of one room with a winder stair in the southeast corner of this section along with early 19th century molded door and window surrounds and chair rail. A large fireplace ^{was} probably used for cooking. A plain mantel shelf is located overhead. The second floor has been remodeled.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rakes farmhouse offers an unusual variation in the development of house types. Significant details do remain with the house, especially on the 2 story sections. The exposed chimney stack is a feature not usually found in this area. The exterior stone basement entrance is a characteristic of many houses in the Conowingo area.

The farmhouse does appear on the Lake Atlas under the ownership of T. Kirk.

? Frances Smith 1858

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

9/21/78

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE


Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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The rear 2 story section is approximately the same size as the previous building with a large stone chimney pile rising out of the north end. The section ^{of the chimney} above the composition tile roof is stuccoed. The north wall of the chimney is exposed half way up the gable end. An exterior stone entrance to the basement is also present and has lost its gable roof although its outline remains. The fenestration is identical to that of the previous section with a 6/6 sash on the 1st floor and replaced single pane sash on the second. The trim is slightly beaded. The exterior has been partially covered with aluminum and asbestos siding. Entry to this section was not permitted.

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil County TOWN --- VICINITY STREET NO. Mt. Zoar ORIGINAL OWNER --- ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Ernest Rakes PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame with field- NO. OF STORIES 2-1/2 stone wing		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY CE - 37 2. NAME --- DATE OR PERIOD c. 1800 STYLE Colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE OPEN TO PUBLIC NO	
<p>The main part of this house is a large five bay long 2-1/2 story frame dwelling which has been ruined by modernization. It now has aluminum siding and all trim has been removed. All the windows in the house are 6/6 sashes. The main house has a chimney at each end. To the left of the main house is a two bay square 2-1/2 story wing constructed of rough fieldstone. At the rear of this and attached to the main house is another two bay square 2-1/2 story ell of rough old clapboard now partly covered with new siding. At the rear wall of this ell is an exposed panel of fieldstone which marks the site of the chimney. This ell also has the ruins of what may have been another fieldstone section projecting from it. This section may date well back into the eighteenth century and is now partly in ruins. This property is interesting because of the composite nature of the house. Unfortunately, most of it has been altered and the rest is in a ruinous condition.</p> <p><u>Condition: Altered and in ruins</u></p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div>  6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p><i>3 print</i></p> <p><i>4 D&W Neg</i></p> <p>2470-71 1 B&W</p> <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH 4-1/2 x 3-1/4</p> </div> </div>			
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul Alan Brinkman 16 December 1967 DATE OF RECORD <i>1665 4/70</i>	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



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SOUTH ELEVATION

MT. ZION, MD.

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Near Oakwood

Southeast Elevation

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Rakes Stone House

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Near Oakwood

North Elevation

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WEST ELEVATION

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NORTH Elevation

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